

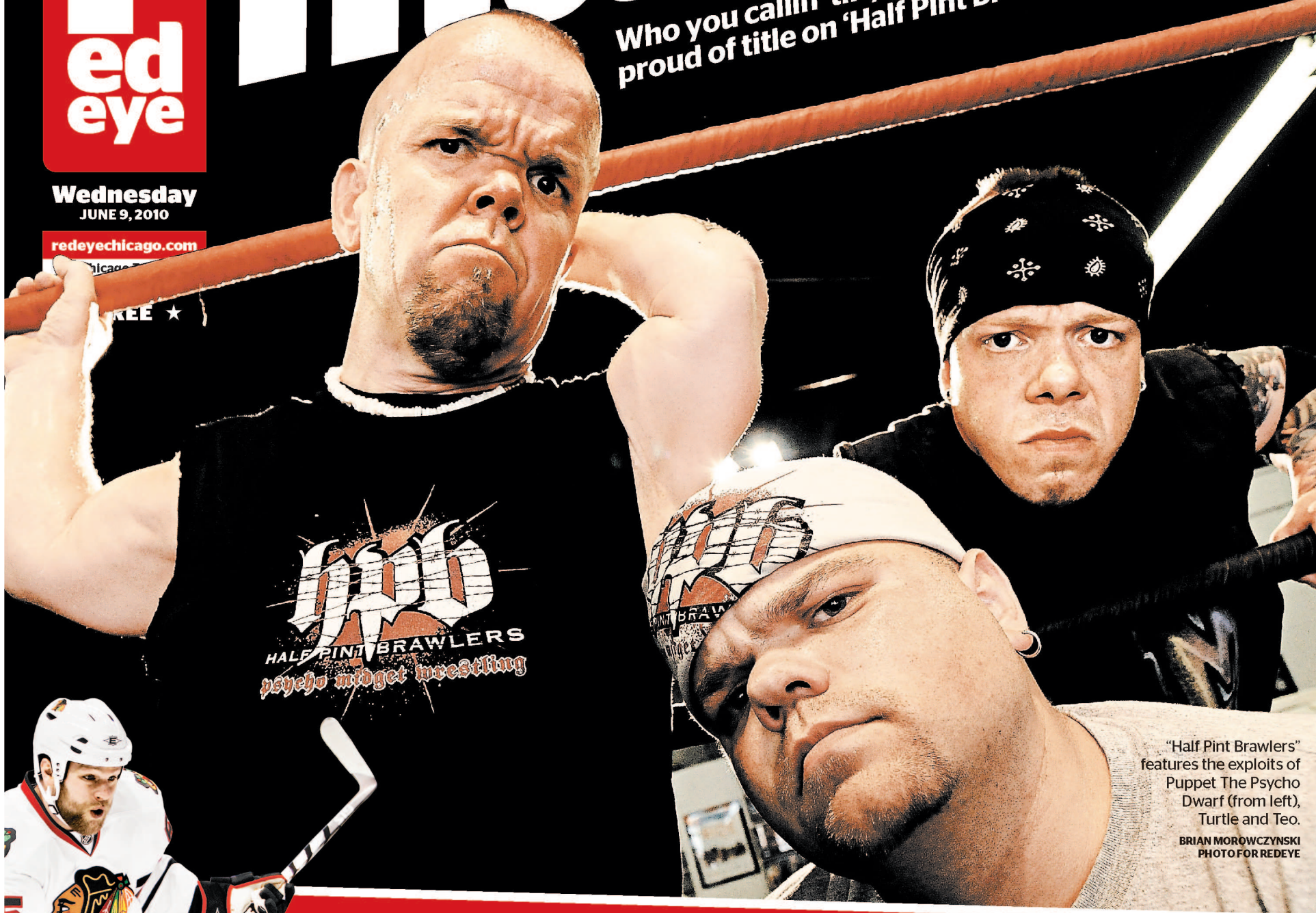
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# WHO YOU VIBIN'?



Another installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin'?" online dating contest has come to a close. This week's featured bachelorette is ... **Jenny Jeltres!** If you're interested in getting in touch with Jenny, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether she responds is up to her, of course. For more dating fun, visit [redeyechicago.com/vibin](http://redeyechicago.com/vibin).

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**The song that best describes my dating life:** "Piece of My Heart" by Janis Joplin

**The best under-the-radar Chicago spot:** D.O.C. Wine Bar

**You know you want me because:** I can shake it like a Polaroid picture ... oh, and I can be a little witty once you get to know me.

**This celebrity would make my list:** Ryan Reynolds



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## TODAY'S FORECAST

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Some of the biggest talkers of the day, numerically speaking.

## 1792

A teacher from Peabody, Mass., cleaning her classroom recently discovered a Colonial-era document buried in a pile of outdated textbooks. The yellowed sheet of paper was dated April 1792 and protected by plastic. It appears to document the payment of a debt by a Vermont man named Jonathan Bates.



## 1,200

Number of tips received following the disappearance of a 7-year-old Portland, Ore., boy Friday. So far, 22 agencies are looking into the disappearance of Kyron Horman (above).



## 2

Ouch. Two of Galileo's fingers, removed from his corpse by admirers in the 18th century, have gone on display in a Florence museum.

## 1.5 million

Number of vehicles GM is recalling because of a problem with the heated windshield washer fluid system, according to CNN. The company said Tuesday that fires could result. Nearly 1 million vehicles were recalled in 2008 for the same problem.



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## 142 miles

Oil plumes have been found drifting in the Gulf of Mexico as far as 142 miles from the wrecked Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, officials said Tuesday.



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## 175 mph

Meteorologists say the weekend tornado that killed five people in Millbury, Ohio, was stronger than first thought—with winds up to 175 mph.

## 17

More Somali pirates have taken to the water this year than ever before, NATO and European Union forces said Tuesday. However there has been progress made in the ability to combat them. Currently, pirates hold 17 ships anchored at locations along the Somali coast and 357 sailors.



Joran Van der Sloot, shown being escorted by police last week in Peru, has admitted to killing a woman in a Lima hotel room, a police spokesman says. **REUTERS**

## Police in Peru: Van der Sloot admits killing Lima woman

### Associated Press

**LIMA, Peru** Dutchman Joran van der Sloot, long the prime suspect in the 2005 disappearance of a U.S. teen in Aruba, has confessed to killing a young Peruvian woman in his Lima hotel room, a police spokesman said.

Peru's chief police spokesman, Col. Abel Gamarra, told The Associated Press that van der Sloot admitted under questioning Monday that he killed 21-year-old Stephany Flores on May 30.

Several Peruvian media reported that van der Sloot killed Flores in a rage after learning she had looked up information about his past on his laptop without his permission. They did not name their sources for the information.

The newspaper La Republica said van der Sloot tearfully confessed, in the presence of a prosecutor and a state-appointed attorney, to grabbing Flores by the neck and hitting her because she had viewed photos and videos about the Aruba case on his computer while he was out buying coffee.

Flores, a business student, was found beaten to death, her neck broken, in the 22-year-old Dutchman's hotel room. Police said the two met playing poker at a casino.

Murder convictions carry a maximum of 35 years in prison in Peru.

Van der Sloot remains the prime suspect in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway, then 18, while she was celebrating her high school graduation in Aruba.

He was arrested twice in the case—and gave a number of conflicting confessions, some in TV interviews—but was freed for lack of evidence.

Holloway's father told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday that van der Sloot should tell all he knows about the disappearance of his daughter.

"He confessed to this one ... I would like for him to tell everyone what happened" in the earlier case, Dave Holloway said. "Hopefully this is his last victim."



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## Not old—but still quite wise

From my brimming collection of Problems That Aren't Really Problems, I present one of my recent lessons in urban gaydom.

Gay men seem to come with an impressive set of complexes, and one of the most prominent of these deals with the brutal inevitability of aging. Youth and physical beauty are a kind of currency in our culture—dictating whom you should talk to, how you should dress and even what kind of bars you should patronize—and because we are so image-obsessed, being a PYT truly is the gay holy grail.

What I'm finding, though, is that youth and respect are mutually exclusive, especially between us 'mos. It's a reality I face constantly as I attempt to have my figurative low-fat, gluten-free cake and eat just a tiny, ladylike sliver of it, too.

Many of my friends are older than I am—mostly only by about five to 10 years—and even they initially wrote me off as vapid and shallow based on age alone. When I meet someone new and he learns I'm 22, he'll often roll his eyes and sip his drink, fully prepared for the devolution of the conversation. I find myself trying to impress him by saying something profound or wise, but even on the rare occasion I succeed, it's usually too late. He'll make snide remarks such as "so young, so much to learn" or "at least you're pretty." Then I'm left feeling ashamed, when in fact I should be reveling in my abundance of the most bankable gay currency there is.

In all fairness, many young gays really are pretty vacuous. I know plenty of guys my age whose conversational capacity is limited to the themes of "Glee," Lady Gaga's fashion inspirations and which Boystown bars have drink specials tonight. Still, maligning millennials for our real or perceived lack of substance seems to be the only way for many bitter old queens to cope with their own mortality. This is especially true for those who suffered from At Least You're Pretty syndrome when they were 20, and find that as they age, their lack of redeeming qualities renders them utterly obsolete. To them, the notion that someone could possess both a 2006 high school graduation tassel and a functioning brain is just a broken nail short of devastating.

Sorry guys, but we exist. And that doesn't have to be a bad thing.

Part of gay pride is indulging in and celebrating cultural stereotypes, and part of being young is enjoying every minute of it. Many of my young gay friends are smart, creative guys who have a lot to offer the 30+ crowd, and they deserve a fair shot at initial respect. Sure, we're naive, we love us some Gaga and we certainly have a lot to learn about life. But we shouldn't be guilty of stupidity until proved innocent. **THOMAS PARDEE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

### CORRECTION

A story on page 7 of Tuesday's RedEye incorrectly identified the organization for which Margo O'Hara is a spokeswoman. O'Hara is the spokeswoman for the Active Transportation Alliance.



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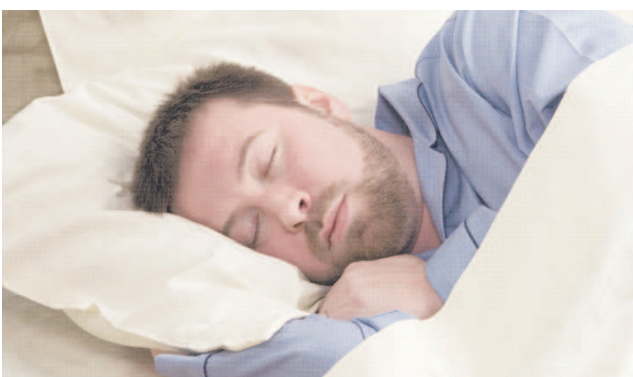
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Midwest Dental Sleep Center is the first Dental Sleep Center in Illinois and one of the first in the country. Dr. Richard Craig is a licensed general dentist and has solely dedicated his time to treating patients suffering from snoring and sleep apnea. Dr. Craig states, "our office feels like a spa, staff really get to know our patients' stories and spend the time necessary to make sure they get the best care possible".

When people first call Midwest Dental Sleep Center they are concerned about whether or not medical insurance pays for it. Melaney explains, "Medical Insurance covers it, with the exception of Medicaid and Medicare". In the past they had to work for months to actually get the pre-approval and the payment from insurance. After a great deal of advocacy and appeals, Midwest Dental Sleep Center has developed excellent relationships with insurance companies. It is such a pleasure to be able to go through exact insurance payments with the patient before they commit to treatment. Melaney adds, "We have been one of the first centers in the country to really understand how to secure payment for this service".

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- drowsy driving
- morning headaches
- gastric reflux or heartburn
- need extra pillows to sleep
- frequent trips to the restroom at night
- easily frustrated or irritable
- hyperactivity (ADD or ADHD) in children
- difficulty with memory, ability to focus or concentration
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**If you have these symptoms you might have sleep apnea and need to see your physician.**





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## LAWYERS LAY OUT THEIR CASES AS BLAGO'S TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY

### Chicago Tribune

Rod Blagojevich heard himself described during opening statements at his corruption trial Tuesday as naive, shallow, lacking in judgment and deeply insecure. And that was from his own lawyer, Sam Adam Jr.

Hardly a flattering portrait for the politician that Blagojevich was until the 2008 arrest that precipitated his fall from grace. But his defense strategy, as laid out by Adam, appeared designed to portray Blagojevich as a victim of greedy and unprincipled schemers that he had unwittingly surrounded himself with as Illinois governor.

Even the good friends he trusted took advantage of him, the lawyer said, ripping into one—convicted Blagojevich fundraiser Antoine “Tony” Rezko—as “the Bernie Madoff of Chicago.” Rezko and other corrupt insiders in the Blagojevich administration grabbed all the money they could under their trusting friend’s nose, Adam said.

Prosecutors painted a far different image of Blagojevich as his trial got down to business after three days of jury selection.

Time and again, Assistant U.S. Attorney Carrie Hamilton said, Blagojevich put his own interests ahead of the people he was supposed to represent, adopting a mantra of “What about me?” and demanding campaign cash and other favors in exchange for official acts.

Blagojevich saw opportunity to get something for himself when it came time to give a school grant money, increase state reimbursement for Children’s Memorial Hospital or sign a bill to aid Illinois horse tracks, she said, rattling off alleged crimes with a matter-of-fact tone.

“With all of this power came responsibility,” Hamilton said. “And when he made those decisions, he was not supposed to do so because of how much money went into his campaign fund.”

Blagojevich knew full well what members of his “inner circle,” such as Rezko and former Chief of Staff Alonzo “Lon” Monk, were do-



Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday.

PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

ing when they organized inside deals by stacking state boards and commissions with loyal members, Hamilton said.

The courtroom styles of Hamilton and Adam were as different as their visions of Blagojevich.

Hamilton’s presentation was calm, organized and bolstered by constantly shifting charts on a large overhead screen. Adam moved about the room like a preacher, sometimes whispering just feet from the jury and sometimes shouting and waving his hands.

One prosecution chart showed that by 2008, the Blagojevich family was mired in \$200,000 in credit-card debt and lines of credit on his Chicago home, suggesting that as one motive for his alleged attempts to peddle the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Obama in exchange for a lucrative new job in the private sector.

## No Twitter for Blago

Before opening statements began Tuesday at former Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s corruption trial, U.S. District Judge James Zagel issued a ruling sure to make cyberspace all a-Twitter. Or not.

Zagel banned Blagojevich from Tweeting from the courtroom.

The technologically challenged ex-governor joined Twitter this month, but most of his milquetoast, 140-character messages seem to be written by his publicist. After all, Blagojevich didn’t even know how to send a text message or open a text file on “The Celebrity Apprentice” when it was filmed last year.

However, the ex-governor will be allowed to continue speaking with the media and appearing on radio programs—at his own peril.

Zagel told Blagojevich that his “repeated public statements” could be used against him if he testifies during his corruption trial.

Blagojevich’s attorney, Sam Adam Jr.,



In this courtroom sketch, Rod Blagojevich (center) listens to Assistant U.S. Atty. Carrie Hamilton present the government’s case. AP

also made one last attempt to postpone opening statements, asking the judge to be sympathetic to the fact that Amy Blagojevich’s eighth-grade graduation was Tuesday. The judge denied the request, telling Adam that if he wanted to get out early, he could cut his own 105-minute opening.

“You are going last, so you might want to shorten your own statement,” Zagel said.



## 1 dead in pawn shop shooting

The owner of a pawn shop shot and killed someone Tuesday during an apparent robbery at his Northwest Side store, sources say. Three people tried to rob the shop in the 5900 block of West Fullerton Avenue around 12:50 p.m., Chicago Police Officer Dan O'Brien said. One of the robbers was shot and killed by "store personnel," he said, and the two others fled the scene.

## Chicago's ESPN Zone closing

The Walt Disney Co. is shutting down most of its ESPN Zone stores, a chain of sports-themed restaurants located in seven cities, including Chicago, according to a person familiar with the matter. The only outlets to remain open are those tied to a Disney property. It's unclear what prompted Disney to close the establishments, although the bars may well be a casualty of the recession.

## Car rental fee increases a go?

A new O'Hare car rental fee of at least \$8 a day is a step closer to reality after a City Council panel recommended approval. The Aviation Committee voted Tuesday in favor of Mayor Daley's proposal to impose the new fee to pay for a consolidated rental-car center to accommodate two new runways. The fee could be imposed by August if the full City Council approves the plan Wednesday.



## Kanye back in school

It was Kanye West's birthday Tuesday, but the kids ended up getting the gift. The Kanye West Foundation's third annual Stay in School event brought West to Farragut Career Academy and John Marshall Metropolitan and Percy L. Julian high schools. West (center) was joined by fellow Chicago rappers Lupe Fiasco (left) and Common. The mini-concert ended with more than 1,600 students singing "Happy Birthday" to West. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

# Cop who lost son to violence to lead alternative program

A Chicago Police Department veteran whose teenage son was killed on a CTA bus is the new director of the city's alternative policing program.

Mayor Daley on Tuesday announced the appointment of Ronald Holt as director of the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy program.

Holt, 49, is a 19-year police veteran whose 16-year-old son, Blair, was killed in 2007 when a gunman opened fire on a CTA bus.

Holt has been assigned to the CAPS project office since shortly after Blair was killed May 10, 2007, reportedly an innocent bystander slain while trying to protect a friend when a teen opened fire on a bus in Roseland.

In that capacity, Holt has talked to various groups about gun control and youth violence.

"Knowing how much I love my son, I think that I have to continue to work on his behalf and the dreams that he had, and instill those dreams, those hopes into other children," Holt said, explaining how he was able to carry on after the shooting. "That's what you have to do, because are a lot of children who are like Blair. The same positive attitude. Smart, happy, love school. There's hundreds of thousands of them in this city. You just have to connect with them."

Holt replaces Phillip Hampton, who stepped down after less than a year as director of CAPS to take a job with a charter school, Daley said.

Holt said he will rely on churches to help get out the message in communities prone to violence that the police can be partners in making the neighborhood safer.

# Cubs warn rooftop vendors

The Chicago Cubs are crying foul over game day sales to rooftop bars across the street from Wrigley Field.

Cubs President Crane Kenney sent a letter last week to rooftop operators reminding them that game day sales violate a city of Chicago ordinance governing the rooftop businesses. The letter was obtained by the Tribune.

Kenney also said in the letter that it has come to the team's attention that rooftop seats are being sold by ticket brokers and other third parties, another code violation. Only businesses with special club licenses granted by the City of Chicago are allowed to sell admission to their rooftops.

"We intend to pursue this matter to the fullest extent permitted by law," Kenney warned in the letter.

Mike Lufrano, the team's general counsel, said the letter was sent after the team learned that a third party was marketing rooftop tickets, in some cases on game days.

"We're trying to determine what's going on," Lufrano said.

The warning, though, surprised some rooftop operators because they say the Cubs benefit when the rooftops are full. The team receives royalties from each of the 16 clubs, in most cases 17 percent of ticket revenues.

"I don't know why this would bother them," said Mark Schlenker, who owns Brixen Ivy LLC, a rooftop club at 1044 W. Waveland Ave. "We are not hurting their business."

He said he does not sell tickets on game days, but declined to comment further because he had not seen the letter.

Rooftop owners say the letter is a sign of how the Cubs are having a harder time selling tickets than in past seasons. The Cubs are averaging 1,233 fewer fans per game through the first 27 games than at the same time last season. The average attendance is 38,369.

Rooftops selling admission on game days would compete directly with walk-up sales to Wrigley. Rooftops have been discounting prices, which include food and drink, to fill their seats, making them more affordable when compared with the cost of a ticket and concessions at Wrigley.



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### Primaries across U.S.

The busiest day of the U.S. primary season offered the latest test of the anti-incumbent sentiment that could reshape Congress. One Democratic incumbent, Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, took a lead in early returns Tuesday. Democratic and Republican voters were choosing their party's candidates in 12 states.

### What's wrong, Australia?

**1** Australia's Parliament House gift shop trashed 200 Barack Obama commemorative mugs—though not because the U.S. president has twice canceled visits. The mugs were destroyed Monday in Canberra after a customer pointed out the president's name had been misspelled "Barrack."

### Boat dredges up toxic gas

**2** State and federal officials worked Tuesday to decontaminate a clam boat anchored in isolation off Massachusetts after it dredged up old munitions laced with mustard gas, severely sickening a crewman.

### Mexican teen killed at border

**3** A U.S. Border Patrol agent shot and killed a 14-year-old boy after a confrontation at an international bridge near downtown El Paso, Texas, Mexican authorities said Tuesday. Chihuahua State officials released a statement Tuesday demanding a full investigation into the death of the boy.

### Israel plans flotilla probe

**4** Israel's military said it will have its own experts examine what caused a naval raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla to turn deadly, while nations led by Turkey condemned the operation and intensified demands for an international investigation.

### THE DIGIT

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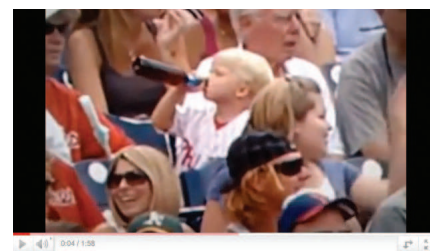
# Bottle bombshell

**5** **PHILADELPHIA** A video snippet from a Philadelphia Phillies broadcast shows a boy in the stands appearing to take a swig from a beer bottle (right), creating a fresh headache for a ballclub whose fans have been drawing almost as much attention as its players.

The fuzzy video, which began making the rounds online and on TV on Monday, shows the child putting the bottle to his lips at Sunday's Phillies-Padres game at Citizens Bank Park.

No adults nearby appear to be paying attention to him when he does. It's not clear whether the bottle has anything in it, but the boy is seen easily hoisting it to his mouth with one hand, suggesting it could have been empty.

In April, a drunken fan intentionally vomited on an 11-year-old girl. In May, a police officer used a Taser on a teenager



who ran onto the field.

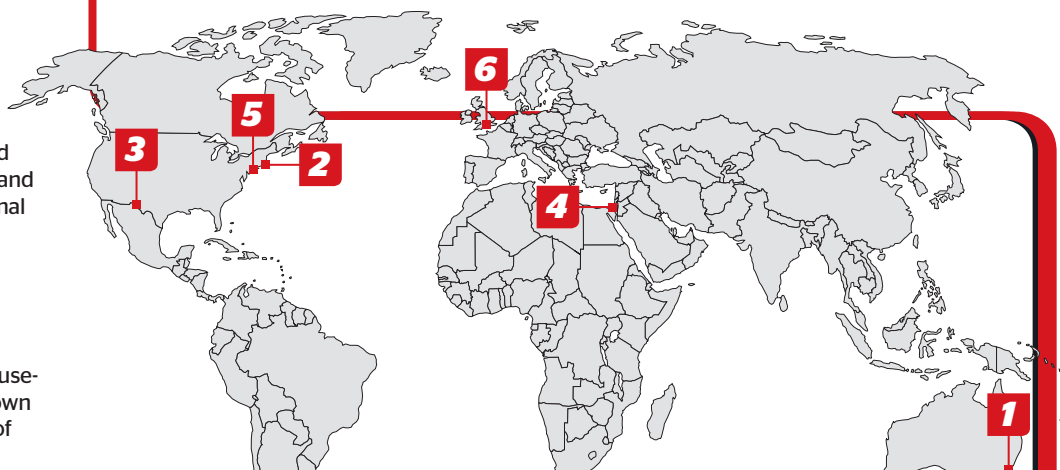
Phillies spokeswoman Bonnie Clark said the team hasn't been able to identify the tot or the adults next to him. She said it appears to be "a very brief event, probably involving an empty bottle."

"Obviously, the Phillies, like everyone else, would not want a child to be permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage," she said. "We are confident that our employees and our fans would not allow this to happen if they were aware of it."



### Fab four

**6** Dancers from the English National Ballet dance across the road Tuesday outside the Royal Albert Hall in London during a promotional event. **GETTY IMAGES**





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# ONE GAME, ONE GOAL

## HAWKS A WIN AWAY FROM STANLEY CUP TITLE, BUT THEY ARE PLAYING IT COOL

By Brian Moore REDEYE

Wednesday's Blackhawks game just might be the franchise's most important since the team won the Stanley Cup in 1961. Game 6, in Philadelphia, one game away from hoisting Lord Stanley's Cup and cementing a place in Chicago sports history. It's enough to make a pro like Jonathan Toews or Patrick Sharp nervous, but they won't admit it.

"Every time you win one game, it feels like you're going all the way to the Cup. I've always said when you lose a game it feels like your season is going to be over. It's just been such a crazy ride," Toews said Tuesday. "The last day here, it hasn't been any different. You just try and get those thoughts out of your head that get you all excited and jacked up in the middle of the afternoon. You try and save your energy, and the time to be focused and ready to go is [Wednesday] night when that game comes around. That's when you want to be energetic and ready to play."


And Sharp?

"If you have a chance to close out a team and advance—and in this case it's something different—we want to make sure we take advantage of it," said Sharp, who previously played for Philadelphia. "... We've been pretty good in those elimination games."

"We want to remain focused and try not to think about with a 'might happen' or 'what could happen' and just play the game that we're capable of."

Of course, what could happen is winning hockey's holy grail. Blackhawks veteran John Madden experienced that in 2003 with the New Jersey Devils.

"For me, it was no better feeling in hockey," he said. "The look on your teammate's face when you've all come together and accom-



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1 win until the Hawks clinch the title.

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plished your goals. There have been some trials and tribulations, so to speak. You've been able to overcome a lot. It's a real nice feeling to have."

Madden's not alone. Andrew Ladd and Tomas Kopecky also have championships under their belt—Ladd in 2006 with the Carolina Hurricanes and Kopecky in 2008 with the Detroit Red Wings.

Coach Joel Quenneville is a Cup winner too—as a Colorado assistant coach in 1996. But he doesn't want to look too far ahead to what could be.

"We look at the short-term picture and try to present our challenges to win one hockey game," Quenneville said. "We want to even fine-tune it from shift to shift. I think that's our mindset. At the end of it, hopefully we accomplish that goal."



## SAFE SIX?

To reach their goal Wednesday, the Blackhawks will have to win on enemy ice in Philly, where they lost games 3 and 4 last week. That's a bad sign. On the other hand, the Hawks have had quite a bit of success in Game 6s the past two seasons. Here's a look at them. REDEYE



## ICE GAUGE

WHAT'S THE TALK  
OF HAWKEYETOWN TODAY?

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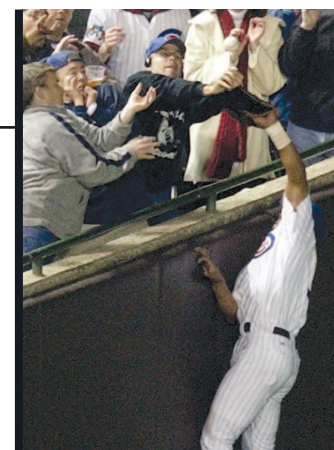
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**APRIL 26, 2010: GAME 6 AT NASHVILLE****At stake:** A trip to the Western Conference semifinals**Result:** Blackhawks 5, Predators 3. Blackhawks win series 4-2.

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**APRIL 27, 2009: GAME 6 AT CALGARY****At stake:** A trip to the Western Conference semifinals**Result:** Blackhawks 4, Flames 1. Blackhawks win series 4-2.**One win away**

Careful, remember when the Cubs were "five outs away"?

**Flyers goalie**

It will be Michael Leighton—for a while, at least.

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It'll be in Philly on Wednesday. Will it leave with the Hawks?

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## A different ice Crew

## Chicago mock-rappers have a Stanley Cup smash hit of their own

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

Don't hate the Retar Crew for their rap song "The Blackhawks Song (We Love the Hawks?)," which makes bandwagon Blackhawks fans look like clueless noobs looking for an excuse to booze. The Chicago-based group says their catchy song, which has made the rounds on Philadelphia sports blogs and has become a hit on YouTube with 94,000 views since May 27, pokes fun at themselves as much as anyone else. RedEye spoke with three members of The Retar Crew—Jackson and brothers JQ and GQ—about their timely hit.

## What gave you the idea for the song?

**JQ:** We were thinking of ways to get famous on YouTube, and someone came up with the idea of making a song to cheer on the Hawks. But the thing was, we don't know [bleep] about hockey. But we mostly write self-deprecating, honest rap songs, and the good thing about Chicago fans, for the most part, is that we can poke fun of each other, so we went from there.

**Jackson:** And of course, Chicago fans love to get hammered.

**GQ:** We're bandwagon fans as well. I've only been a fan for like three days, so I don't even have a playoff beard, I have a playoff 5 o'clock shadow.

## What do you think about the whole concept of bandwagon fans?

**JQ:** To me, It's an interesting phenomenon that people have to brag about how long they've been a sports fan. It's stupid for people being mad at new fans. If something's more awesome,



The Retar Crew

## WATCH IT

The Retar Crew's "The Blackhawks Song (We Love the Hawks?)" can be downloaded at [theretarcrew.com](http://theretarcrew.com).

"These Blackhawks fans are stupid!" They just don't get it.

## How excited are you that the Hawks might win the Cup and your song has gotten a lot of attention?

**Jackson:** For the Retar Crew, we're like in the Stanley Cup of YouTube.

**JQ:** This is the fastest a video has climbed for us. ... Otherwise, the only thing we were famous for is GQ, who still gets noticed as the white guy from "Drumline."

**GQ:** We do really hope the Hawks win the World Cup\*. It's fun when your whole city is going crazy over a team. I don't think Chicago really cares whether you are a longtime fan or not.

\* Intentional joke.

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more people notice it and it gets more attention. It happens everywhere. Chicago wants a winner; why not jump on the bandwagon?

## How do you feel about the rap being so popular in Philly right now?

**JQ:** It's funny because the blogs are talking about us like we're the biggest Flyers fans ever. But I really don't like any of them. I just really want to punch Pronger.

**GQ:** A lot of people don't get the song. We have a lyric that talks about "the third half" of a hockey game. Some people are like "third half?

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ...

It's almost time to put up or shut up, but not quite yet. Here's what the players and coaches were talking about on the eve of Game 6.

“I don't read what you guys write, good or bad. I really couldn't care, to be honest with you. I'm worried about playing the game.”

—FLYERS CHRIS PRONGER ON A TRIBUNE POSTER CALLING HIM “CHRISSY”

“It's really been fun the whole way. If you can cap it off at the end by winning, it's just a special feeling you can't really describe.”

—HAWKS FORWARD ANDREW LADD ON THE PLAYOFFS

“You know you want to take care of business when you can. You don't want to leave the chance for a Game 7.”

—HAWKS CENTER JOHN MADDEN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WINNING GAME 6

“Last year watching the Pittsburgh Penguins come from behind and win that one last year, I think that's when it really first set in that I felt our team and myself personally—never felt closer thinking that this is an opportunity, this is something that can really become a reality.”

HAWKS CAPTAIN JONATHAN TOEWS ON WINNING THE STANLEY CUP







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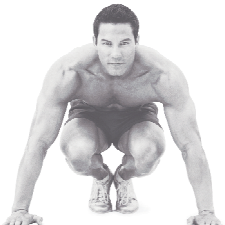
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<b>1</b> Rank on your scale how big Wednesday night's game is.	Sorry, my scale has no numbers so I don't think I can weigh in.	One-third on my amount-of-my-life-savings-I'm-spending-to-attend scale.	In the words of Larry David: Pretty big. Prettttttty big. Pretty, pretty, pretty big.	It's as important as my 4 p.m. snack—so really, really huge.	The scale is broken.
<b>2</b> What might Chris Pronger do to get his revenge on Dustin Byfuglien?	Something unpronounceable.	Stick a "kick me" sign on his back during the game.	He might try to throw Byfuglien in the trash like he did the game pucks. Good luck with that, Chris.	Steal all his clothes while Byfuglien's in the shower.	Pronger's game is so bush league, he'll probably just try to take it out on Kaner.
<b>3</b> How should the Flyers settle their goalie situation?	Rock, paper, dagger. Whomever can withstand "Chelsea Dagger" longest, wins.	The only way to settle things in Philly: inebriated sidewalk brawl.	I say give Allen Iverson a chance at goal. He can't be any worse.	Puck, paper, scissors.	Make Bobby, I mean Brian, Boucher their waterboy.
<b>4</b> What's the proper way to celebrate a Stanley Cup final victory?	Four swirls, one cup.	The only way to celebrate things in Philly: inebriated sidewalk brawl.	Just about anything goes. Except for peeing in the Cup.	With a Stanley Cup-sized beer.	We can discuss that once we win it. In the meantime I'm still knocking on wood.
<b>5</b> How are you preparing for the World Cup?	Balls to the wall.	Already set the TiVo so I don't miss any episodes of "Gilmore Girls."	I just put on my shinguards, spikes and athletic cup and picked Brazil for my fantasy World Cup league.	By reading/ogling the latest Vanity Fair.	By focusing on the real cup: Lord Stanley's Cup.

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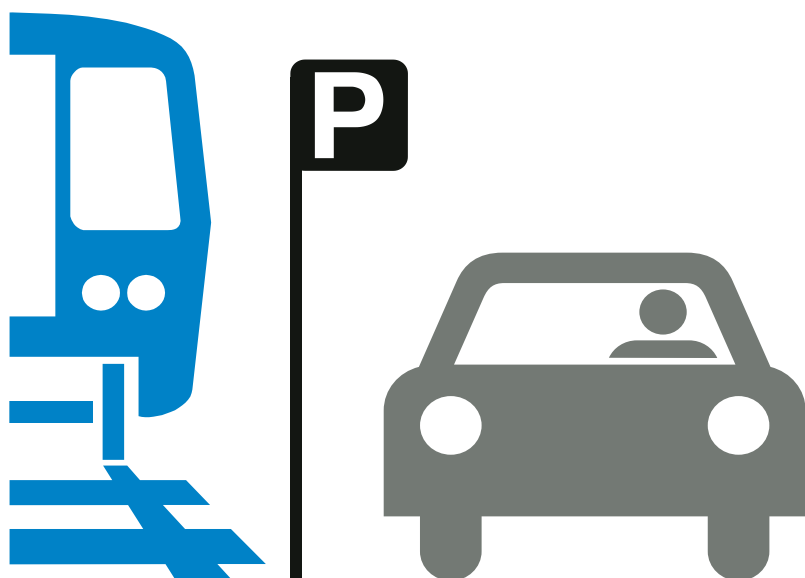
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» Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert refused to comment Tuesday on reports he has offered a job to Michigan State’s Tom Izzo and said superstar free agent LeBron James will not be consulted during the team’s search for a new coach.



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# U.S. team confident

The scene Tuesday was a South African dairy farm an hour or so outside Johannesburg—about as incongruous a place as possible to be talking about the World Cup.

But Jay DeMerit was undeterred. Neither the distinct aroma of cows nor the fact that there were chickens milling about outside the media tent would sway the U.S. defender from his appointed remarks.

“I think, being Americans, we always have something to prove as far as soccer is concerned,” he said.

“We understand who we are, and we understand that there’s still a long road. But we also can physically see people starting to care; we can see people starting to say, ‘Yeah, these guys are actually pretty worthy.’

“We need to try to continue to have success as a program and as individuals, because in a media-driven place like America it’s suc-

cess that’s going to continue us along that right road.”

So what would constitute success for coach Bob Bradley’s team at World Cup 2010? A victory over England on Saturday? Advancing out of the first round after subsequent games against Slovenia and Algeria?

Or will nothing less than winning the 32-nation tournament earn the U.S. players respect worldwide and in their own country?

Landon Donovan, one of the team’s three acknowledged stars, along with goalkeeper Tim Howard and midfielder Clint Dempsey, believes getting to the 16-team knockout stage should be the minimum goal.

It’s an achievable one, even though the last time a U.S. squad ventured down this road, in Germany in 2006, getting out of the first round proved too steep a mountain.



U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan signs autographs Sunday after an open practice for fans in Pretoria, South Africa. **GETTY IMAGES**

**FINAL  
SCORE**

» New York 85, Sky 70

» Milwaukee 3, Cubs 2

» Detroit 7, White Sox 2

» NBA Finals: L.A. Lakers 91, Boston 84

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- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

### LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago  
(773) 509-4949

- **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:05
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (NR) 1:05, 4:25, 8:15
- **Exit Through the Gift Shop** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 10:15
- **Please Give** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
- **The Father of My Children** (NR) 1:40, 4:20, 9:45
- **Holy Rollers** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
- **Micmacs** (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00

### CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **The Karate Kid** (PG) Advance Tickets Available
- **Toy Story 3** (G) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 12:20, 1:10, 2:45, 3:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:50, 9:00, 10:15
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- **Sex and the City 2** (R) 12:00, 12:55, 3:10, 4:00, 6:40, 7:10, 9:45, 10:20
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:30

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893

- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ★ 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ★ 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) ★ 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

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S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago  
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- **Splice** (R) ♦ 11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:45
- **Killers** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
- **Marmaduke** (PG) ♦ 11:55, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ♦ 11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 11:10, 12:20, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:00, 7:10, 8:45, 9:45
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) 11:40, 3:00, 6:15, 9:30
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 11:25, 2:45, 6:10, 9:25
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) 11:05, 11:50, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:10, 9:55
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 12:10, 3:15, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:00
- **Just Wright** (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) ♦ 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street  
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- **October Country** (NR) 7:45
- **Trash Humpers** (NR) 6:00, 8:30
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) 6:00

### LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
(773) 252-0628

- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:55, 8:30
- **Babies** (PG) 2:00, 3:35, 5:15, 6:45, 8:20
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 2:15, 4:20, 6:25, 8:40
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) 2:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:10

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
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- **Metropolis** (NR) 5:30, 8:30
- **Survival of the Dead** (R) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

### PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
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Show times change daily

- **Raajneeti** (NR) 2:30, 6:05
- **Kites** (NR) 4:30, P.M.
- **Mother and Child** (R) 4:15, P.M.
- **Babies** (PG) 2:15, 7:00
- **Harry Brown** (R) 2:45, 5:15
- **City Island** (PG-13) 2:00, 7:30

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago  
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- **Splice** (R) ♦ 11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30
- **Killers** (PG-13) ♦ 11:50, 2:45, 5:40, 8:30
- **Killers** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Marmaduke** (PG) 12:50, 3:30, 6:00, 8:45
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 11:55, 12:55, 1:55, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:25, 10:25
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ♦ 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:50
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 11:00, 12:40, 1:25, 3:20, 3:50, 6:05, 6:30, 8:50, 9:10
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ♦ 11:05, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:15, 3:50, 4:20, 4:45, 6:10, 6:45, 7:20, 7:50, 9:30, 10:15, 10:45
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 8:30
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) 2:15, 7:25
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:35, 10:50
- **Just Wright** (PG) 11:25, 4:45, 10:20
- **Date Night** (PG-13) ♦ 11:40, 2:00, 8:10
- **Please Give** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

### SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Splice** (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10
- **Killers** (PG-13) 10:10, 11:30, 12:35, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45
- **Marmaduke** (PG) 10:00, 11:00, 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:05, 8:05, 9:25, 10:25
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 11:20, 12:20, 1:55, 2:55, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 10:05, 11:05, 12:05, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:35, 4:35, 5:35, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:00, 10:00
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) 10:45, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:15
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 10:30, 11:50, 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 10:15, 1:20, 4:20, 7:40, 10:40
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
- **Letters to Juliet** (PG) 10:20, 4:25

### WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
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- **The Karate Kid** (PG) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
- **Splice** (R) 12:15, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:20
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- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
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- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 2:40, 6:40, 9:45
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

### SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Splice** (R) 1:25, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
- **Killers** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
- **Marmaduke** (PG) 1:20, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:05
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:15, 1:45, 3:20, 4:00, 4:45, 6:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:10, 10:00
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) 12:05, 1:50, 3:30, 5:15, 7:05, 8:30, 10:20
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40
- **Shrek Forever After** (PG) 12:15, 2:00, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 9:40, 10:15
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30
- **Just Wright** (PG) 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

### SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero  
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Splice** (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
- **Killers** (PG-13) 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30
- **Marmaduke** (PG) 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00, 10:20
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:10, 2:30, 3:20, 4:10, 5:15, 6:10, 7:05, 8:00, 8:45, 9:45
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- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
- **A Nightmare on Elm Street** (R) 1:30, 3:50, 6:40, 9:00

### SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago  
(312) 564-2104

- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ★ 12:20, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10, 6:20, 9:00
- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ★ 7:15, 10:20
- **Killers** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 10:40
- **Marmaduke** (PG) ★ 12:40, 1:40, 3:00, 4:00, 5:20, 6:50, 9:20
- **Splice** (R) ★ 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:45
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 1:20, 3:50, 4:20, 6:40, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ★ 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ★ **21 & Older** - 6:30, 8:00, 9:45
- **Shrek Forever After 3D** (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **Just Wright** (PG) 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
- **Robin Hood** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50
- **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45

### VIP Premium 21+

- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15

### OAK PARK

### LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park  
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Get Him to the Greek** (R) ★ 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
- **Killers** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- **Marmaduke** (PG) ★ 12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 6:40, 8:45
- **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
- **Sex and the City 2** (R) ★ 12:35, 3:40, 6:45, 9:50
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## Cold comfort

Icy new treats to help you celebrate the warm days ahead

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Remember when a simple Popsicle, dripping with sticky-sweet, electric blue artificial flavoring and coloring, was all you needed to beat the heat? Of course, that was long before the fro-yo invasion and the gelato renaissance of recent years. And now Taiwanese treat xue-hua-bing joins the established suspects, which continue to multiply on cue as warmer weather sets in. Before you pick your path to your first brain freeze of the summer, take a look at the newest options.



Cloud 9  
DAN PETERSON PHOTO  
FOR METROMIX

### OPEN NOW

#### Cloud 9

604 W. Belmont Ave. 773-857-1255

**The cold stuff:** "Snow ice" (above right), or *xue-hua-bing*, a Taiwanese delight shaved from a block of frozen skim milk, cream, water and sugar (and fresh fruit puree, depending on the flavor) to form light, airy ribbons of refreshment; currently available in vanilla, mango and strawberry flavors, with green tea set to debut soon

**The toppings:** Six "drizzles" (sauces), including Hershey's chocolate, fruit purees (strawberry, blueberry and mango at the moment), condensed milk and red bean, plus about 10 toppings, which rotate but usually include fruit, red beans and candy bars or cookies such as Heath, Butterfinger and Oreo

**Cost:** \$3.79/\$4.79 (12-ounce/16-ounce) with one drizzle included; 69 cents per topping

#### Forever Yogurt

1924 W. North Ave. 773-772-4770

**The cold stuff:** Self-serve low-fat and non-fat fro-yo in 14 flavors, such as dulce de leche, peanut butter, Red Velvet cake, sweet coconut (low-fat); and tart, chocolate, vanilla, white-chocolate-macadamia, pomegranate-raspberry (non-fat)

**The toppings:** About 40, including most of the classics plus some fun additions such as Rainbow Nerds and frosted animal cookies; pile on as many as you like at the toppings bar, since creations are priced by weight, not per topping

**Cost:** 43-49 cents per ounce (final price will be set this week)

Forever Yogurt aims to open Thursday, pending inspection.



FreshBerry  
BRENT LEWIS PHOTO  
FOR METROMIX

#### FreshBerry

211 E. Ontario St. 312-475-5831

**The cold stuff:** Non-fat and low-fat, low-calorie frozen yogurt (from a national franchise) in six flavors. Current selections include standbys FreshBerry Tart, dark chocolate, no-sugar-added vanilla, acai berry and strawberry, plus the June flavor of the month, peach. Other treats include smoothies and Fresh Pops (aka all-natural yogurt and fruit popsicles).

**The toppings:** More than 25, including fresh fruits, chocolate, cereals, granola, nuts, graham crackers and coconut

**Cost:** \$5.20/\$6.19/\$7.98 (small/medium/large) for a bowl; three toppings included

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### COMING SOON: GELATO!

»» **Black Dog Gelato** (859 N. Damen Ave.), serving artisanal gelati and sorbets in flavors such as salted peanut, goat cheese-cashew caramel and lemon-chocolate chip in Ukrainian Village. Look for a soft opening next week and grand opening the last weekend of June.

»» **Paciugo** (2324 W. Giddings Ave.), expanding to Lincoln Square in late June (the first Chicago location of the national chain opened last year at 3241 N. Broadway) with an extensive lineup of gelati in creative flavors such as Mediterranean sea salt caramel, creme brulee and sweet potato-maple syrup



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## RANDOM ACTS OF GREATNESS



**1 The DeLorean in the window at the Wormhole** (1462 N. Milwaukee Ave.), the new '80s-themed Wicker Park coffeehouse referencing "Back to the Future" with its name and decor. The impressive cartoon lunchbox Thermos collection deserves a shoutout too. —LISA ARNETT

**2** The creepy-crawly, what-would-you-do-in-that-situation sci-fi flick "**Splice**." Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley are perfect for it, and you'll walk out talking about the morality of the movie and why thrillers rarely keep you so tense. —MATT PAIS

**3 The squeegee-wielding staff at Big Star** (1531 N. Damen Ave.). They dutifully dried off patio tables and chairs not once, not twice, but three times during our recent visit on an intermittently rainy evening. —L.A.

**4 Just-launched dinner service** at organically minded Bridgeport cafe Nana (3267 S. Halsted St.). No need to squeeze in your love of fresh flavors and locally sourced ingredients before 3 p.m. Dinner is 6-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 6-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. —LISA BALDE

**5** Vintage deals and steals from **Carlos and Sarah's Surplus of Options** (3664 N. Lincoln Ave.). From clothes to furniture to old comics, this place is a must-visit. —ERNEST WILKINS

### WEDNESDAY DEALS

#### ATMOSPHERE

\$2.50 select cocktails, trivia 8 p.m.; 5355 N. Clark St. 773-784-1100.

#### BAD DOG TAVERN

\$3 domestic bottles, \$6 burger and fries (11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); 4535 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-334-4040.

#### THE BEETLE

\$4 Smirnoff flavor cocktails, 4 microbrew drafts; 2532 W. Chicago Ave. 773-384-0701.

#### CLUTCH

\$3 Heineken bottles, Beamish and Point Pale Ale drafts, \$3 potato skins, \$2 Shiner Bock bottles and Parrot Bay shots; 459 N. Ogden Ave. 312-526-3450.

#### CLYBAR AND GRILLE

\$3 drafts, \$5 glasses of wine, \$5 salads, live music 9 p.m.; 2417 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-388-1877.

#### THE DARK HORSE TAP AND GRILLE

\$5 Miller Lite pitchers, \$5 ribs dinner with one-drink minimum; 3443 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-248-4400.

#### ENGLISH

\$2 lobster cake sliders, \$6 roasted vegetable sandwiches, \$5 English import bottles, half-price bottles of wine; 444 N. La Salle St. 312-222-6200.

#### FAT CAT

\$5 Effen cocktails, \$1 sliders; 4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100.

#### FIVE STAR BAR

25 cent jumbo wings, \$2.50 Tecate cans; 1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555.

#### GLASCOTT'S

\$3 Jameson cocktails, \$3.50 Guinness, Harp, Bass and Smithwick's pints; 2158 N. Halsted St. 773-281-1205.

#### THE GRAND CENTRAL

\$1 sliders, \$5 Bud Light drafts; 950 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-832-4000.

#### HAPPY VILLAGE

\$2 PBR cans; 1059 N. Wolcott Ave. 773-486-1512.

#### HIGH DIVE

\$1 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.50 Bud bottles, \$4 Jim Beam cocktails;

1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

#### HOPS & BARLEY

\$3 drafts, \$9-\$10 fajitas; 4359 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-286-7415.

#### JAKE MELNICK'S

\$4 select wheat drafts, \$5 select appetizers (3:30-6 p.m.); 41 E. Superior St. 312-266-0400.

#### KELLY'S PUB

\$2 Coors Light drafts, \$3 all other drafts, 25 cent wings; 949 W. Webster Ave. 773-281-0656.

#### LATE BAR

\$2 PBRs, \$4 Stoli flavored vodka cocktails; 3534 W. Belmont Ave. 773-267-5283.

#### LOTTIES PUB

\$2.50 beer cans, \$4 chicken sandwiches, \$4 Jim Beam, Stoli and Captain Morgan cocktails; 1925 W. Cortland Ave. 773-489-0738.

#### M LOUNGE

25 percent off bottles of wine, live jazz 7-10 p.m.; 1520 S. Wabash St. 312-447-0201.

#### MATILDA

\$5 glasses of wine, \$10 cheese plates; 3101 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-883-4400.

#### MYSTIC CELT

35 cent wings, \$3.50 Heineken pints, \$10 sangria carafes, \$14 Miller Lite buckets, \$5 wraps with fries or salad, \$8 steak sandwich and fries; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

#### THE ORBIT ROOM

\$3 well cocktails, \$4 Stella Artois drafts, \$8 nachos; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

#### PADDY LONG'S

\$4 Captain Morgan cocktails, \$4 312 drafts, \$5 for a dozen wings; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

#### PIECE

\$4 well drinks; 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422.

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—M. KATHLEEN PRATT



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—TRACY SWARTZ

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eat tapas. Must be ordered by entire party. Dine in only; Wed.: \$36.95 four-course tasting menu with wine pairings. Wed.-Sun.: \$27 three-course Latin meal with wine or sangria (5:30-6:15 p.m.). \$36.95 four-course family-style meal. Family-style meal priced per person. Applies to tables of four or more; 6:30-8 p.m. Thu.: Free salsa lesson with any food or drink purchase; 5-7 p.m. Fri.: \$2.27 Latin snack bar; 325 W. Huron St. 312-664-2727.

**PERENNIAL**  
6:30 p.m. Wed.: Farmer's Market Cocktail Party. Sample cocktails from mixologist Benjamin Schiller

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### Gold Motel

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**Tickets:** \$10,  
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The Hush Sound singer Greta Morgan returns with sunny, straightforward pop band Gold Motel

#### By Matt Pais

"Most days I feel like I haven't done enough," Gold Motel singer Greta Morgan says. "Then sometimes I allow myself to sit back and go, 'Wait a second. Most kids your age are just graduating college and having no idea what to do with their lives. So at least you know and are already five years into that path.'"

At 17, Morgan and her band, the Hush Sound, were signed to Decaydence/Fueled By Ramen Records. She missed prom and graduation from Benet Academy in Lisle to open for fellow Chicago acts Fall Out Boy and the Academy Is ... in the United Kingdom. Now, with the Hush Sound on indefinite hiatus, Oak Brook native Morgan, now 22—who went by her last name, Salpeter, in her previous band—has another good thing going with Gold Motel. The pop band's full-length debut, "Summer House," which dropped June 1, is so breezy and summery it should be illegal to listen to indoors.

#### What was it like forming the new band? What expectations are on you because of the Hush Sound's success?

First of all, it was scary, but it was also the only thing that I could do. I did have to walk away from that level of success and feel to an extent that I was starting over. But I'm really, really fortunate to have this devoted following of people who were fans of the Hush Sound who are seeking out my new project. We've had, I'd say, 99 percent positive reactions. There's the 1 percent of people who say, "Oh, I don't even want to listen to this record. I just want the Hush Sound back." But then there's the other percent of people who said, "Sorry, I could never get into your old band. But this is amazing."

#### What do you make of those comments?

I think what I'm going for with Gold Motel is a much simpler, straightforward summer pop thing. At least for this album. And with the Hush Sound we had two different singers, a few different songwriters, and all the songs were totally different from each other. There wasn't really a clear picture of what

# Summer, simpler

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**3. The Futureheads**  
10 p.m. Sat. at Lincoln Hall  
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**4. Lil' Kim**  
8 p.m. Fri. at Congress Theatre  
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**5. Freelance Whales**  
10:30 p.m. Fri. at Schubas  
Good band, great name.



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the band sounded like. You could hear one song by the Hush Sound and another one and they would sound like totally different bands. I think that's why for some people it was hard to grab onto. ... I kinda feel like the whole world that we were a part of, the Fall Out Boy emo-by-association kind of thing, was like being in a Disney movie. And now I'm growing up and I'm trying to become a real actress or whatever.

### What quintessential activity is "Summer House" the soundtrack to?

Driving around in an old convertible. My boyfriend has an old convertible and we went on a four-hour joy ride the other night. We just listened to all this really great music. For some reason when you're driving around in a convertible on a summer night, the music is like 10 times more live than you've ever heard it.

### How would you describe Gold Motel's sound in five words or less?

Ice cream summer Popsicles convertible.

### You spent a year in L.A. before Gold Motel started. How did that inform the new band?

Yeah, spending a winter in the California sun as opposed to frigid Chicago weather just changed my outlook a little bit. I had a really positive winter and I wrote most of these songs on guitar, which I don't really play. ... It kind of forced me to write simpler songs and rely on the vocal melodies more. I think that had a lot to do with it, just being able to sit outside with a guitar and write music as opposed to being locked up inside [and writing on the piano].

### Does the perfect pop song exist?

Oh, yeah. "God Only Knows" by the Beach Boys is a perfect pop song. "Mr. Bluesky" by ELO is a perfect pop song. I could name hundreds of pop songs that I think are perfect.

### Nominate one of Gold Motel's songs as a perfect pop song.

I would like to be modest at this stage in the game. I'm still trying to write the perfect pop song, and the best contenders might be "Summer House," "Safe in L.A." and "Perfect in My Mind." Those are my contenders right now. But this is a lifelong goal for me. **MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MUSIC AND MOVIES PRODUCER. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM**

### WANT MORE?

Listen to Gold Motel's "Safe in L.A." at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).



### AM Taxi

"We Don't Stand a Chance"



(Virgin Records)

Sometimes you just want to sing along and pump your fist. Songs like "Fed Up" and "Charissa" from the much-delayed major-label



debut from Chicago rockers AM Taxi are good fodder for a mosh pit, but they're written well enough to deserve more than your passing attention while you collide with strangers. Singer Adam Krier may have the smoky voice of a punk singer who's been doing it 20 years, but AM Taxi's instincts are closer to the pop charts than the punk ones. (Think somewhere in the vicinity of early Goo Goo Dolls.) There are echoes of the Hold Steady in "Dead Street," the Gaslight Anthem in "Shake, Rattle and Stall" and even Weezer in "Reckless Ways." While AM Taxi doesn't have the strong personality, hummable hooks or narrative skills of those bands, they'd earn some new fans if they opened for any of 'em.

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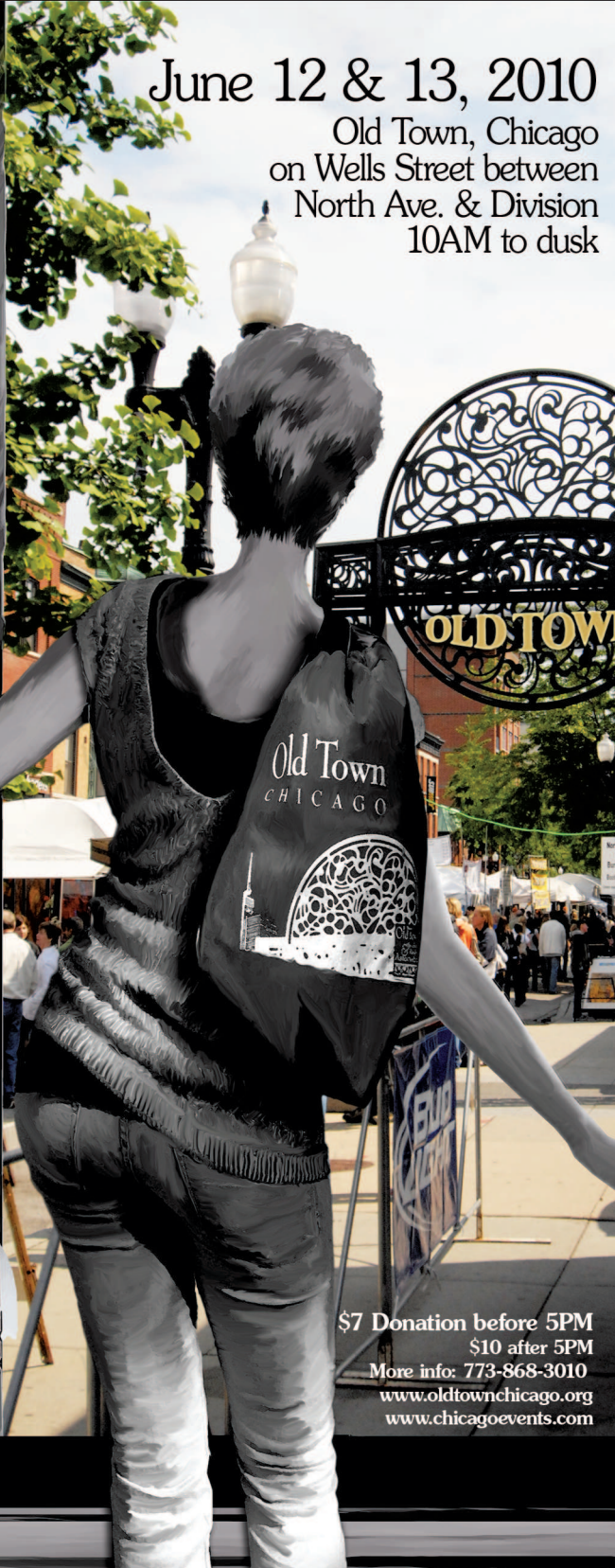


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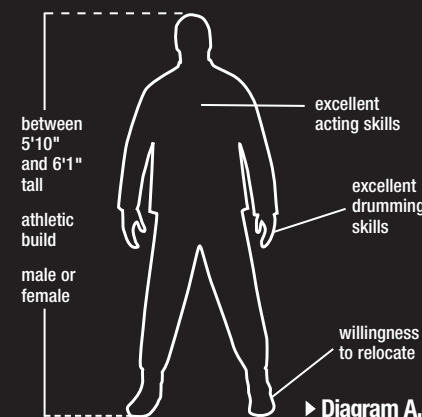
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# 'X' games

## Short-play festival Sketchbook goes viral, offers art a la carte

By Rebecca Palmore

Anthony Moseley, executive artistic director of local theater group Collaboration, wants to



Moseley

pitch you an idea: Theater is accessible. If you think that sounds odd these days, you're probably not alone. But a peek at Collaboration's short-play festival, Sketchbook X, supports his claim. The 10th anniversary of the three-week fest offers 19 original short plays,

plus video art, installations, live music and an element of audience empowerment that allows come-and-go entry and repeat visits to the Chopin Theatre, the indie Wicker Park storefront with a bar and lounge atmosphere.

Among this year's contributing playwrights and ensembles are Brett C. Leonard (Philip Seymour Hoffman recently directed his new play, "The Long Red Road," at the Goodman Theatre), Sean Graney, Derrick Sanders and the Strange Tree Group. Topics range from blueberries to waiters to assassination and slavery to living inside the belly of a whale to the beating death of CPS student Derrion Albert. See 10 titles each night or go Saturdays to see the full lineup.

We caught up with Moseley to hear more about this year's fest.

### Talk about the fest's theme, "exponential."

We felt like it was an exciting place for theater to take a stand, as a truly classic form of storytelling, against the completely futuristic and technologically driven viral world we all live in.

### You're doing a live stream of the show too.

We actually did that in 2001, before anybody was ready for it. It was a plop, plop, fizz, fizz moment where nobody noticed. And now it's free and everybody's doing it, but we're really



Sketchbook 2009 performances

excited to be able to share the work. Sketchbook's always been about cultivating both new artists and new audiences. We'll also have a 42-inch plasma screen in the window of the Chopin Theatre, broadcasting live with audio on the street.

**Speaking of new artists, you've got some big names, such as Sean Graney and Brett C. Leonard, in the mix this year. Do you always aim to bring established and emerging artists together?**

Absolutely. I actually borrowed the strategy from the solera sherry philosophy: In the south of Spain, for every barrel of sherry they make, they take a 3- or 4-ounce snifter from the first barrels that were made at that vineyard. They say the old sherry brings the wisdom, depth and character, but the young sherry brings the energy and vibrancy, and it gives you a really well-rounded mix.

We wanted to have some nationally recognized artists to inspire the younger people and to bring a bigger spotlight. Somehow, mostly due to [casting director] Tara Lonzo when she worked at the Goodman Theatre, we got David Mamet, Warren Leight, Rebecca Gilman and Regina Taylor. It really does help get

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**Tell me about the piece you're directing, Brett C. Leonard's "What I'm Looking For."**

Brett Leonard and I have worked on a couple projects together. I tried to get him to write something, and he said, "Only if you direct it." I had this thing in my head for a while that was inspired by a piece of music. In my head, I saw a couple making up the morning after a big fight, and then I saw them going into a re-enactment of the fight itself. So Brett and I started talking about that, and also the burden of carrying a secret. We started having a really open discussion, and then he sent me a play. It was a couple weeks late, and it's absolutely amazing. It's beautiful and very dark.

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## Fivetosee

THIS WEEK'S TOP 5 LIVE SHOWS

By Rebecca Palmore,  
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### Itsoseng

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### 2,000 Feet Away

A drama set in the small Iowa town depicted in Grant Wood's painting "American Gothic" grapples with zoning laws for sex offenders. Next show: Thursday. Through June 26. \$20-\$22. Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave. 866-811-4111.

### 'All In the Timing' and 'Police'

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# Junior jackass

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By **Leonor Vivanco** REDEYE

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"I like to describe our show as the background of hard-core midget wrestling meets 'Jackass' meets 'Girls Gone Wild' meets 'Little People, Big World' with beer," said founder Steve Richardson, 41, who goes by the wrestling name Puppet The Psycho Dwarf.

Chicago native Puppet and his crew of five—all little people under 4 feet 7 inches tall—are the stars of Spike TV's new unscripted reality series "Half Pint Brawlers," which premiered June 2, the day after Puppet threw out the first pitch at a White Sox game. The show captures their lives on the road.

At least three other shows have launched this year that follow the lives of short-statured people in a market cornered by TLC, which airs a trio of shows that catapulted little people to the center of attention.

Despite their popularity, the shows are not without controversy. Some think the little-people-focused entertainment programs are exploitative. And while some consider the term midget offensive, Puppet uses it as a marketing tool for the Half Pint Brawlers.

"During this show, no one's taking advantage of us. No one's doing anything against us," said Puppet, who is 4-foot-4. "This is something we love to do and you're going to see that. I think people are going to laugh with us, have fun with us."

Sharon Levy, Spike TV's executive vice president of original series, said that within seeing two minutes of the Brawlers brawlers on tape, it was obvious to her viewers would be compelled to watch the guys. Their height, she said, was irrelevant.

"The magic that was the chemistry between the 'Jackass' guys, that's what I see in these guys, unbelievable chemistry," Levy said.

"They are the kind of guys that if you were anywhere out in the world and walked by them, you'd want to be part of their crew. They're charismatic, so funny, so fearless."

The show features Puppet along with Chicago-area residents John Elliott, 29 (aka Teo), and Jacob Colyer, 26 (aka Turtle). Mikeal Santoyo (aka Mad Mexx), 41, lives in Kentucky; and brothers Chris Dube (aka Kato), 40, and Bob Tovey (aka Bobby), 33, whose father is the Hall of Fame wrestler Eric Tovey, hail from Missouri.

The wrestlers all have gone through a rigorous training process, much like what WWE superstars do, Puppet said.

"We'll go to the top rope and we'll do everything the WWE does, but we just fall farther," he said.

Puppet knows how to put on a good show in and out of the ring. He was first bit by the acting bug as a kid when he attended a performing arts school. He's even snagged a role in the movie "The Babe"—with John Goodman as Babe Ruth—and performed stunt work in L.A.

Later, he moved back to Chicago, worked with radio program Mancow's Morning



Teo puts the hurt on Puppet. The two are featured on "Half Pint Brawlers."

Madhouse for a couple of years and decided to give wrestling a shot. He said he was the only little person when he trained in 1994 at Windy City Pro Wrestling in Chicago's East Side neighborhood.

A year later, Puppet produced his first wrestling show at Sluggers in Wrigleyville.

"The line was around the block. People were looking in the windows and watching," he said. Following that success Puppet created the Half Pint Brawlers and took the show on the road.

"It's a rush, man. When you're onstage doing your thing, the crowd's going crazy for you, your heart's pumping, they're high-fiving you. It's just fun to be a performer," Puppet said.

The group's big break came after an executive producer, who had seen the wrestlers years earlier, pitched the show to Spike TV at a time when the network was hunting for a docu-soap.

Certainly, reality shows centered on little people are the flavor of the moment, much like shows about families with multiple children used to be, said Michael Niederman, chairman of the Television Department at Columbia College Chicago.

"It's really all about one thing: People are interested in watching people overcome adversity," Niederman said.





Puppet throttles Teo in the ring. Their show, "Half Pint Brawlers," debuted June 2 on Spike TV.

BRIAN MOROWCZYNSKI  
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Traditionally, little people have appeared onscreen as comic relief, but now there's a more diverse representation of little people on TV thanks in part to reality TV, said Gary Arnold, vice president of public relations for Little People of America, a nonprofit organization that supports people with dwarfism and their families.

"It's sending a message," he said. "As little people, we're not defined by dwarfism. It's one aspect of who we are." Shows such as "Little People, Big World" have transcended the novelty and connected with the audience, he said.

While gawkers might come in thinking they're going to laugh at the wrestlers and mock them, Puppet said, by the end of the show they're supportive. After shows, the wrestlers are hanging out with the crowds, drinking, selling their merchandise and posing for pictures.

"Do we have groupies?" asks Puppet. "Hell yeah." [LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM)

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Chicago's Half Pint Brawlers are Teo (from left), Turtle and Puppet.

## MEET THE TEAM

RedEye got up close and personal with the three Half Pint Brawlers who hail from the Chicago area.

### John Tony Elliott

**WRESTLER NAME:**  
Teo Total "E"  
Outstanding

**MOTTO:** The world's smallest extreme athlete

**AGE:** 29

**HOMETOWN:**  
Station, Ind.

**RESIDES:**  
Gary, Ind.

**HEIGHT:**  
3 feet 11 inches

**NUMBER OF TATTOOS:** Lots

**HULK HOGAN OR THE ROCK:** Neither. Macho Man.

**PUMP UP SONG:**  
Pantera

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPOT:**  
Sluggers

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPORTS TEAM:** White Sox

### Jacob Colyer

**WRESTLER NAME:**  
Turtle the Midget

**MOTTO:** I may be the slowest, but that means I can last the longest

**AGE:** 26

**HOMETOWN:**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**RESIDES:** Elgin

**HEIGHT:** 4 feet

**NUMBER OF TATTOOS:** 3

**HULK HOGAN OR THE ROCK:** Neither/ every wrestler has their own personality that is great

**PUMP UP SONG:**  
"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" theme song

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPOT:** Sluggers

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPORTS TEAM:** Bulls

### Steve Richardson

**WRESTLER NAME:**  
Puppet the Psycho Dwarf

**MOTTO:** Hard core in and outside the ring!

**AGE:** 41

**HOMETOWN:**  
Chicago

**RESIDES:** Elgin

**HEIGHT:**  
4 feet 4 inches

**NUMBER OF TATTOOS:** 10

**PUMP UP SONG:**  
"American Idiot" — Green Day

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Jeremy Piven

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPOT:**  
Wrigley Field

**FAVORITE CHICAGO SPORTS TEAM:** Cubbies

### OTHER SMALL SCREEN STARS

"Half Pint Brawlers" is the latest reality TV show to feature little people. Check out these other shows on the small screen:

#### 'The Little Couple' on TLC

» Follows the lives of the newlywed couple Bill Klein and Jen Arnold in Texas. 3 seasons; series debuted in May 2009



#### 'Little People, Big World' on TLC

» Follows the lives of the Roloff family as they live on their Oregon farm. The parents and one son are little people, while two other sons and a daughter are of average height. 5 seasons; series debuted in 2006

#### 'Little Chocolatiers' on TLC

» Follows the lives of married couple Steve and Katie Hatch, who make chocolate at a Salt Lake City shop. 1 season; series premiered in March

#### 'Pit Boss'

on Animal Planet

» Follows the lives of little people who operate a pit bull rescue group in L.A. 1 season; series debuted in January

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Although South Africa is regarded as a New World wine producer, the first grapes were pressed for wine at the Cape in 1659 under the command of Jan van Riebeeck. He came to the Cape in 1652 to establish a settlement on behalf of the Dutch East India Company. By the 18th century, a luscious dessert wine from Constantia was known as one of the greatest wines in the world and was savored by aristocrats and European nobility, including Napoleon Bonaparte.

Following the end of apartheid in 1994 and South Africa's return to international trade, there was an influx of interest and investment in the nation's wine industry. Today South Africa features 600 wine producers and is ranked ninth in terms of global wine production.

Despite the New World classification, South Africa's wines often straddle a style between the New World and the Old World. The whites are fruity and lively while maintaining fresh acidity. Red wines often feature bright fruit components combined with an elegant, earthy edge.

The most famous regions are Stellenbosch, Paarl, Constantia and Walker Bay. Top white varietals from South Africa include chenin blanc (known locally as Steen), sauvignon blanc and chardonnay. Top red varietals include cabernet sauvignon, merlot, shiraz, pinot noir and South Africa's own pinotage—a cross between pinot noir and cinsault. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

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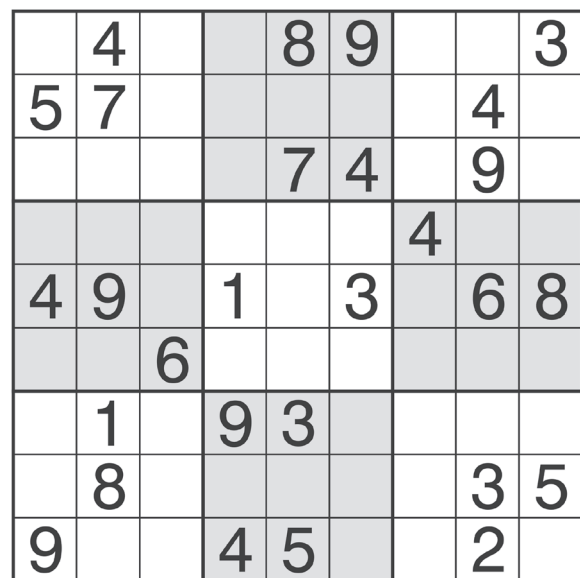


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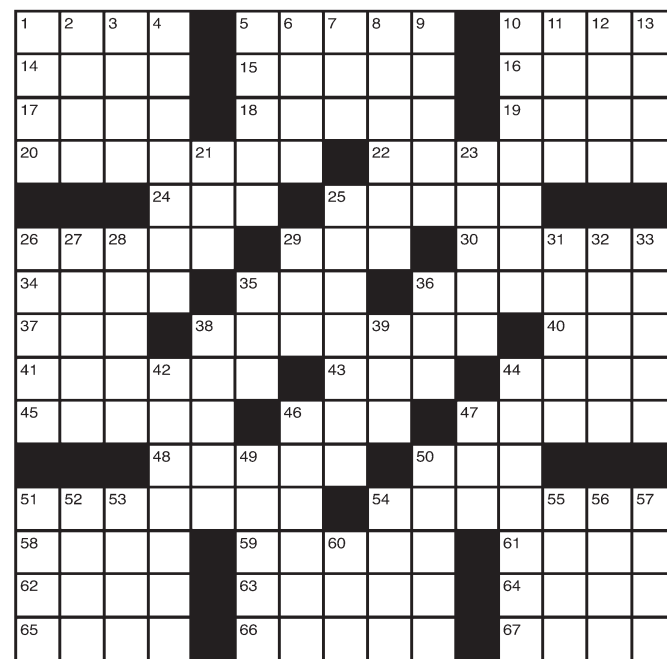
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- 29 Assistance
- 30 Open space in woods
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- 36 Make more profound
- 37 Hubbub
- 38 Low wall around a roof
- 40 Expert
- 41 Fragrant vessel at a high mass
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- 44 Fraudulent act
- 45 Work bread dough
- 46 Capp & Pacino
- 47 Substantial
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- 50 Brewed drink
- 51 Alike
- 54 Cricket player
- 58 Shortly
- 59 Oral
- 61 "Othello" villain
- 62 Male deer
- 63 Wipe away
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- 65 Male children
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| 23 Sire, biblically     | 42 Money for a rainy day      | 56 Grows old           |
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# Headcases

Attack of the bad movie hair

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka

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"Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" isn't burning up the box office, but it is getting attention for two things: Jake Gyllenhaal's rock-solid body and his weird hair. Some movie hair is terrible or goofy for a reason—think the "MacGruber" mullet, the Ron Burgundy '70s locks of glory and the bowl-cut awfulness of "Dumb & Dumber," but some celluloid coiffures make no sense and just leave me transfixed by the hairstyle, not the dialogue or plot. I'm talking hair that doesn't seem to have a purpose. Here are some of the biggest offenders.



## Samuel L. Jackson

*Unbreakable*

This afro gone awry was so distracting. Sure his character had some serious issues, but why give him this Frederick-Douglass-on-acid 'do? TOUCHSTONE PICTURES FILE PHOTO



## Nicolas Cage

*Bangkok Dangerous*

Cage has turned bad movie hair into an art form, so choosing just one was difficult. It's tough to beat this long, dark, greasy train wreck. Dangerous, indeed. Please stay in Bangkok. LIONSGATE FILE PHOTO



## Javier Bardem

*No Country for Old Men*

I suspect the awful hair was intended to make him seem even creepier. And let's face it, this is one of cinema's most disturbing monsters ever. The hair just made me giggle, however. MIRAMAX FILE PHOTO



## Brad Pitt

*Legends of the Fall*

Early 20th century Montana ranchers always looked like Breck girls, right? He was prettier than his leading ladies in this movie, and that's just wrong.

## Tom Hanks

*The Da Vinci Code*

Tribune movie critic Michael Phillips referred to his hair as "academic Dutch Boy." I couldn't have put it better myself. I realize the guy is focused on being a symbologist, but he could find time to visit a decent salon. SONY PICTURES FILE PHOTO

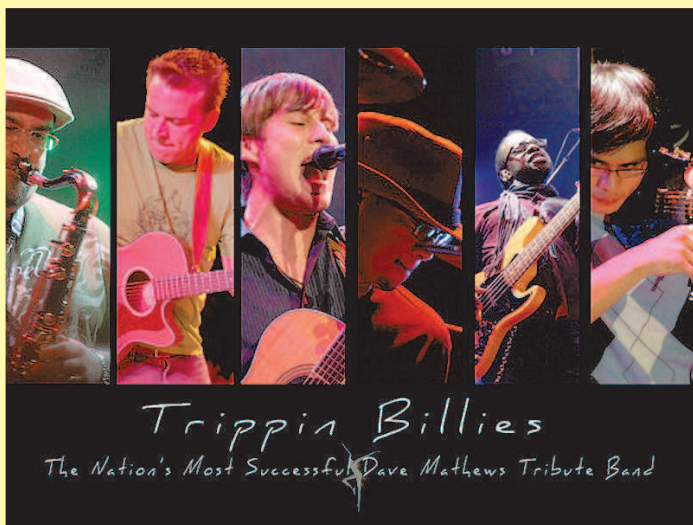
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The Strokes

# Lolla bummer

The Strokes and Lady Gaga at the same time? Nooo! The Lollapalooza schedule is out, so let's start bitching about conflicts. We're also displeased by Erykah Badu vs. Frightened Rabbit, Mavis Staples vs. Raphael Saadiq and Soundgarden vs. Arcade Fire.

Check out the full schedule at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com)



Lady Gaga GETTY IMAGES

That's when Mos Def performs at the Urban International Festival for free in Chicago's Marquette Park.

## Make me hot

Ronnie Kroell showed off his ripped abs as a finalist in Bravo's "Make Me a Supermodel." Now he's showing off his, um, other parts in the June issue of Playgirl. Several shots of the Chicago resident (who goes full frontal—repeat, FULL frontal) have been leaked and can be found online. Kroell also will appear at Roscoe's on June 24.



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## Hiltons take to the 'Shore'

Paris and Nicky Hilton apparently are trying to extend their 15 minutes of fame with another duo whose time in the spotlight is expiring rapidly: Snooki and J-Woww of "Jersey Shore." According to The New York Post, the quartet partied the night away at an MTV Movie Awards after-party. The paper says phone numbers were exchanged all around and Snooki invited Paris, likely already a GTL expert, to party on the Shore.

## Coco-motion

Conan O'Brien is getting some support from his new employer in his bid to win an Emmy for his work with his former employer. TBS, which will air O'Brien's new show this fall, ran several sassy "For Your Consideration" ads in Variety, the Los Angeles Times reports. Turner exec Steve Koonin explained in a statement: "Conan's great work in 2009 and 2010 deserves Emmy consideration." An Emmy would be the perfect parting gift for his work on NBC's "The Tonight Show."

## Lindsay Lohan feelin' the heat—again

Lindsay Lohan's alcohol-monitoring device went off, spelling trouble for the starlet. Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel on Tuesday found Lohan violated the terms of her bail and upped her bail to \$200,000, [people.com](http://people.com) reports. Bond was later posted, sparing Lohan from being arrested, at least until a hearing next month. A district attorney spokeswoman says the device was set off by "an alcohol-related violation." Lohan tweeted that she did nothing wrong.



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